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CORRECTION

ESTHERVILLE — The Oct. 30 regional water quality meeting will be held in Estherville, not Emmetsburg, as previously reported. The corrected address is listed below.

Iowa Lakes Community College
Auditorium
300 South 18th Street
Estherville, IA
6:30-9:30 p.m.

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DNR CALLS ON IOWANS FOR REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MEETINGS

DES MOINES — The DNR is asking for Iowans' input on local water quality issues at the remaining public meetings around the state.

The meetings will address general water quality issues, nutrients and Iowa's impaired waters. An open, public discussion of water quality in Iowa will take place after the presentation by DNR staff. Each regional meeting will also highlight a local water quality project.

In Creston, the success of the Three Mile Lake project and water quality improvements in the watershed will be featured. John Tapken, Union County Conservation Board executive officer and District Soil Commissioner, will present at the meeting.

Dr. John Downing, Iowa State University limnologist, will give a presentation at the Mason City meeting on the success of the Clear Lake project and the economic benefits generated.

The Sioux City meeting will include a presentation focusing on the success of the ongoing Storm Lake Restoration Project. Presenter Gary Lalone is president of the Storm Lake Preservation Association, chairman of the Storm Lake Improvement Committee and director of the Storm Lake Area Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce. John Call, Storm Lake City Administrator, is also presenting.

The public's ideas and input at these meetings will be taken to the Iowa Water Summit Nov. 24 in Ames. The governor's Iowa Water Summit is an unprecedented commitment to address impaired waters, and Governor Tom Vilsack has listed water quality as one of his top priorities.

"The public has identified the need to discuss a number of issues including funding, local action, nutrient water quality standards and nutrient management at our meetings so far," said Bernie Hoyer, special assistant to the director of the DNR. "The meetings are designed to raise awareness and generate ideas that can help improve water quality."

The remaining four meetings are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

October 21, 2003

Southwestern Community College
1501 W. Townline
Creston IA 50801
Room 220

October 22, 2003

North Iowa Area Community College
500 College Drive
Mason City, IA 50401-7299
Muse Norris Center Room 180C

October 23, 2003

Western Iowa Technical College
4647 Stone Avenue
PO Box 5199
Sioux City IA 51106
Building A, Room 920, Large Lecture Hall

October 30, 2003

Iowa Lakes Community College
300 South 18th Street
Estherville, IA 51344

Auditorium

The general agenda for each session:

6:30 p.m. Status of Water Quality and Water Quality Trends in Iowa
6:50 p.m. Iowa's Nutrient Budget and Nutrients in Iowa's Waters
7:10 p.m. Iowa's Impaired Waters
7:30 p.m. Break
7:40 p.m. Local Water Quality Program
8:00 p.m. Public Participation
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Those unable to attend the meetings or with further comments or questions can contact water.summit@dnr.state.ia.us.

Questions on local project presentations can be directed to:

Creston: John Tapken, (641) 782-7111.

Mason City: David Knoll, CLEAR project coordinator, (641) 357-2532.

Sioux City: Gary Lalone, (712) 732-3780.

Media questions or comments should be directed to Bernie Hoyer (515) 281-7247 or Bernie.Hoyer@dnr.state.ia.us.

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EPC TO CONSIDER CONTRACTS, CONTESTED CASE

DES MOINES – Commissioners will be asked to approve six contracts and consider appeals on contested cases at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission.

The proposed contracts are for water quality monitoring, measuring water levels, a water and wastewater program, and computer services.

Commissioners are being asked to hear appeals on contested cases from Iowa Select Farms, L.P.; and Piper Motor Company, Inc. and Bruce Piper.

In a departure from the regular meeting place and time, the EPC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., at the Des Moines Water Works, 2201 George Flagg Parkway in Des Moines. Public participation is scheduled for 11 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
- Director's Remarks
- Iowa State Fair presentation
- Contract - American Computer Services, Inc. - One Stop Project Manager
- Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the Department
- Contract - University Hygienic Laboratory - Ambient Water Quality Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2004
- Contract – United States Geological Survey for Stream Gaging and Groundwater Level Measurements
- Contract - Iowa Industries of the Future 2004
- Status of Waste Tire Management in Iowa
- Final Rule -- Amend Chapter 117 "Waste Tire Management"
- Proposed Rule - Chapters 20 and 22 Controlling Pollution (definitions)
- Final Rule - Chapters 69 and 69 Renewal of General Permit No. 4
- Contract for Interactive Web-based Mapping and Planning System for the Source Water Protection Program
- Contract for Certified Operator Tracking database
- Proposed Rule – Amendment to Chapter 65.17 – incorporating the Phosphorus Index into manure management plans
- Emergency Rule Making for amendment to Manure Applicator Certification Rules
- Contested Case Appeal - Iowa Select Farms, L.P.
- Appeal of Contested Case Decision - Piper Motor Company, Inc. and Bruce Piper
- Referrals to the Attorney General
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion

The members of the commission are Kathryn Murphy, Chair, LeMars; Terrance Townsend, Newton; Lisa Davis-Cook, West Des Moines; Darrell Hanson, Manchester; Lori Glanzman, Mt. Pleasant; Jerry Peckum, Jefferson; Heidi Vittetoe, Washington; Francis Thicke, Fairfield; and Donna Buell, Spirit Lake. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

For more information, contact Karen Grimes, at (515) 281-5135.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty.

- Kenneth J. Ferguson and Ferguson Landscape Corporation, d.b.a. Ferguson's Landscape Center, of Spirit Lake, were ordered to stop open burning of prohibited

solid waste, stop all improper dumping of solid waste, dispose of all solid waste and trade waste in a manner consistent with regulations and pay a \$3,000 penalty.

- Dennis Bandstra, d.b.a. Big Dutch, of Sioux Center, was ordered to stop open burning of prohibited solid waste, stop improper dumping of solid waste, dispose of all solid waste and trade waste in a manner consistent with regulations and pay a \$1,000 penalty. The order has been appealed.
- F.J. Krob & Co., of Linn County, was ordered to cease prohibited discharges to waters of the state and pay a penalty of \$2,000.
- Casey's Marketing, of Jefferson, was ordered to cease further violations of rules regarding operation and maintenance of corrosion protection systems at its underground storage tank (UST) facility. Casey's Marketing was also ordered to conduct a precision tightness test on the USTs and piping at the facility and to submit the test results to the DNR. In addition, the company was ordered to submit a report to the DNR by a qualified corrosion expert certifying sufficient investigation of the UST system and to pay a penalty of \$5,224.
- Van Middendorp Dairy, of Sioux County, was ordered to comply with minimum manure control and manure release reporting requirements; to perform certain inspection, repair, testing and reporting actions; and to pay a \$2,500 penalty.
- River Valley Farms, of Mahaska County, was ordered to submit an updated manure management plan and pay a \$750 penalty.
- Alcoa, Inc., of Bettendorf, was ordered to comply with an interim effluent limit for perchloroethylene (PCE) and collect data, optimize treatment technology and make process changes to comply with the effluent limit for PCE specified in its NPDES permit. Alcoa was also ordered to pay a \$3,500 penalty for five permit discharge excursions of PCE and to pay \$500 per PCE effluent sample excursion above the interim limit.
- Life-Line Emergency Vehicles, Incorporated, of Sumner, was ordered to submit as-built permit applications for all unpermitted emission units at its facility, to comply with construction permit requirements prior to initiation of construction or modification of air emission or control equipment, and to pay a \$4,000 penalty. The penalty has been paid.
- Dickinson County Memorial Hospital Corporation, a.k.a. Lakes Regional Health Care, was ordered to comply with all the requirements and conditions of its Air Quality Title V Operating Permit and to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The penalty has been paid.
- Central Counties Cooperative, of Kellogg, was ordered to take necessary actions to prevent fugitive dust emissions, to operate and maintain equipment as to minimize

emissions, to submit an updated operation and maintenance plan, to comply with the plan at all times, and to pay a \$5,000 penalty.

- GreenMan Technologies of Iowa, Inc., of Des Moines, was ordered to comply with the requirements of its waste tire processing permit, specifically including limitations on the storage of waste tire products, and to pay a \$2,000 penalty.

For more information, contact Jessie Rolph at 515-281-5131.